

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 6 and 15 have been amended to recite ethylene glycol monobutyl ether as a blowing agent enhancer. Support for this amendment can be found in paragraph [0022] and Table 4 on page 11.

Applicant has been requested under 35 USC 121 to elect a single species for the blowing agent enhancers of Claims 1-23 and a single species for each of the two groups of blowing agent enhancers of Claim 24.

As to Claims 1-23, Applicant elects ethylene glycol monobutyl ether as the single species. Claims 1, 6-17, and 21-23 read on ethylene glycol monobutyl ether as the blowing agent enhancer.

As to Claim 24, Applicant elects ethylene glycol monobutyl ether and octyl alcohol as the single species for each of the groups of blowing agent enhancers, respectively.

The Examiner has asked for the identification of the support in the specification for the amendment to R' in Claim 2 and for the R group members of Claim 24.

As can be seen in Claim 2, R and R' are defined as follows:

R is selected from the group consisting of C1-C10 aliphatic groups, C5-C10 cycloaliphatic groups, . . . ;

R' is selected from the group consisting of R,

Rather than amend R' by replacing R with its definition from immediately above and then deleting the language "C1-C10 aliphatic groups", the proviso language was used to effect essentially the same amendment and the same scope.

The R group members of Claim 24 find support in paragraphs [0007] and [0025].

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Conclusion

For all of the reasons recited above, the applicant submits that all of claims 1-24 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and early notification to that effect. The applicant invites the Examiner to contact their undersigned representative, Michael Leach, by telephone if it appears that a telephonic interview may facilitate prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Leach", written in a cursive style.

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